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1. HERewith FULL TEXT TWO WASHINGTON POST FRONT PAGE BY-LINED ARTICLES BY ROBIN WRIGHT, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, PRINTED SIDE-BY-SIDE UNDER COMMON HEADLINE "BLACKS SET FIRES IN S. AFRICA" AND NOTED "SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST."
 2. ARTICLE ONE, HEADED "2 KILLED IN TOWNSHIP." JOHANNESBURG, AUG. 9 -- SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS CHANTING BLACK POWER SLOGANS LAST NIGHT BURNED DOWN THE MAIN PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN MAFEKING, CAPITAL OF THE BOPHUTHATSWANA BLACK HOMELAND, POLICE SAID TODAY.
 3. RENEWED VIOLENCE SPREAD FROM SOWETO, THE SCENE OF STUDENT RIOTING LAST WEEK, TO OTHER BLACK TOWNSHIPS. POLICE SHOT AND KILLED TWO BLACKS TODAY IN CLASHES WITH BANDS OF RAMPAGING YOUTHS IN ALEXANDRA, ALSO NEAR JOHANNESBURG. YOUTHS BURNED SCHOOLS, STONED VEHICLES AND TRIED TO STOP
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WORKERS FROM GETTING TO THEIR JOBS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS AROUND

THE COUNTRY.

4. POLICE SAID THE RIOTING IN MAFEKING, 150 MILES WEST OF JOHANNESBURG, BEGAN AFTER DISTURBANCES AT A SCHOOL IN THE

NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE TRIBAL RESERVE. THE BIGGEST OF SOUTH AFRICA'S 10 BLACK HOMELANDS, BOPHUTHATSWANA IS THE HOMELAND FOR 1.7 MILLION TSWANA-SPEAKING PEOPLE. IT HAS ACCEPTED SOUTH AFRICA'S OFFER OF EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE.

5. THE STUDENTS ALSO DESTROYED 13 OFFICIAL VEHICLES AND BURNED A NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, POLICE SAID. THE MOB IN MAFEKING WAS BROKEN UP AS POLICE USED TEAR GAS AND FIRED ABOVE THE CROWD. TROUBLE ERUPTED AGAIN THIS MORNING, HOWEVER, AND ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTERS' HOMES WERE PUT UNDER HEAVY GUARD. THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE CASUALTY FIGURES FROM THE AREA.

6. THERE ALSO WERE OUTBREAKS OF TROUBLE REPORTED IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS NEAR RANDFONTEIN, KIERKSDORP, NIGEL AND IN THE LEBOWA TRIBAL RESERVE. NIGEL IS THE CONSTITUENCY OF PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER AND THE SITE OF HIS HISTORIC SPEECH ON DETENTE WITH BLACK AFRICA ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO.

7. VORSTER TODAY BROKE TWO MONTHS OF WHAT HIS CRITICS HAVE CALLED "DEAFENING SILENCE" ON THE AFRICAN UNREST. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS "VERY DEFINITELY" ABLE TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION AND THAT IT WILL NOT TOLERATE A "BREAK-UP OF LAW AND ORDER."

8. TODAY'S STATEMENT WAS VORSTER'S FIRST SINCE AN INTERVIEW IN LATE JUNE DURING TALKS IN WEST GERMANY WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER. "IF THERE ARE GRIEVANCES, THE DOOR IS OPEN TO HEAR THOSE GRIEVANCES, BUT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CERTAINLY NOT BE RAILROADED INTO PANIC ACTION." VORSTER TOLD THE SOUTH AFRICAN MAGAZINE "TO THE POINT" TODAY.

9. HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT VIEW THE PRESENT COMBINATION OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PRESSURES ON SOUTH AFRICA AS UNCLASSIFIED

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CRITICAL OR EVEN GRAVE.

10. "AT THE UTMOST IT CAN BE SAID THAT IT IS SERIOUS. AS INTERNATIONAL TENSION BUILDS UP OUTSIDE, SO OUR ENEMIES WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE INTERNAL TENSIONS RISE. THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT THE MOMENT."

11. VORSTER SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS

PREPARING THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN ONSLAUGHT AGAINST SOUTH

AFRICA FOR ITS TOTAL ISOLATION. ANYONE WHO REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION THAT THE COMMUNISTS GRAND STRATEGY IS WORLD DOMINATION -- INCLUDING THE POSSESSION OF THE TIP OF

AFRICA -- IS "A FOOL," HE SAID.

12. (SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THAT IT WOULD ESTABLISH A CABINET COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND LEADERS OF THE COLORED (SOUTH AFRICA'S TERM FOR MIXED RACE) AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES, REUTER REPORTED.

13. (THE MOVE WAS SEEN BY OBSERVERS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE VORSTER ADMINISTRATION TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF THOSE SEGMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S SOCIETY JOINING IN VIOLENT PROTEST AGAINST THE APARTHEID SYSTEM. THERE HAVE BEEN SERIOUS DISTURBANCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE, DOMINATED BY MIXED-RACE STUDENTS, IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.)

14. ARTICLE TWO, HEADED "NAMIBIA BREAKTHROUGH" JOHANNESBURG, AUG. 9 -- A DRAMATIC BEHIND-THE-SCENE BREAKTHROUGH APPARENTLY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA (SOUTHWEST AFRICA).

15. DELEGATES AT THE TALKS IN WINDHOEK, THE TERRITORY'S CAPITAL, CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO:

16. -- INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1977

17. -- A MULTIRACIAL GOVERNMENT.

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18. -- AN INVITATION TO THE MILITANT SOUTH-WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION TO JOIN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. SWAPO IS ENGAGED IN GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON NORTHERN NAMIBIA FROM BASES IN NEIGHBORING ANGOLA.

19. THE SURPRISE DEVELOPMENTS WERE LEAKED BY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATES, WHO SAID A CRISIS HAS BEEN AVERTED BY AN ABOUT-FACE OF TWO WHITE DELEGATES AND BY NEW SUPPORT FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. DELEGATES EXPECT A FULL ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE AUG. 24.

20. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA -- WHICH ADMINISTERS THE TERRITORY IN SPITE OF U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ORDERS TO LEAVE -- UNTIL AUG. 31 TO ARRANGE FREE ELECTIONS UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

GAVE SOUTH AFRICA THE TRUSTEESHIP OF NAMIBIA, A FORMER GERMAN COLONY, AFTER WORLD WAR I. IT HAS SINCE BEEN REVOKED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

21. ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSALS FALL SHORT OF INTERNATIONAL DEMANDS, MANY OBSERVERS THERE FEEL THAT THEY AT LEAST WILL DEFUSE THE U.N. THREAT OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IF THE DEADLINE IS NOT MET. SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE PLAN

WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO REJECT.

22. A COLORED (MIXED RACE) DELEGATE TO THE TALKS EXPLAINED TODAY: "WE HAVE THE GO-AHEAD FOR MULTIRACIAL GOVERNMENT FROM THE (SOUTH AFRICAN) DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MR. PIK BOTHA, SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS" AND TO THE UNITED STATES.

23. "YOU CAN TAKE IT THAT CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE WITH WESTERN POWERS IN A BID TO PREVENT PRECIPITATE ACTION WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEADLINE EXPIRES," HE SAID.

24. TODAY'S DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWED A WEEK OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES CAUCUSES AND LOBBYING BY DELEGATES, AND MEETINGS BETWEEN WHITE DELEGATES AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN PRETORIA.

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25. THE JOHANNESBURG RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED TODAY THAT DURING A WEEKEND CAUCUS, BLACK DELEGATES THREATENED TO WALK OUT IF WHITES DID NOT ACCEPT MOTIONS FOR AN INTERIM MULTIRACIAL GOVERNMENT AND A RAPID TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

26. LAST WEEK, CONSERVATIVE WHITE REPRESENTATIVE A.H. DU PLESSIS SAID HE FAVORED TWO MORE YEARS OF TALKS BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE PROPOSALS.

27. BUT PRESSURE FROM BLACK DELEGATES AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS LED THE TWO WHITE CONSERVATIVES, DU PLESSIS AND EBEN VAN ZIJL, TO ALTER THEIR POSITION, THUS PREVENTING COLLAPSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, NEGOTIATORS CLAIMED.

28. THE THIRD WHITE DELEGATE, LIBERAL DIRK MUDGE, IS WIDELY REPORTED TO BE NAMED PRIME MINISTER IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH HERERO TRIBAL CHIEF CLEMENS KAPUWO AS HEAD OF STATE.

29. OBSERVERS HERE ALSO BELIEVE THAT U.S. INVOLVEMENT WAS

A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. THE AFRIKAANS PRESS REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT, UNDER U.S. PRESSURE, THE "SCENARIO FOR DETENTE, HAD SWITCHED ITS FIRST PRIORITY FROM RHODESIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS TO NAMIBIA'S INDEPENDENCE, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE U.N. DEADLINE.

30. BY AGREEING WITH THE NEW PROPOSALS, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR FURTHER U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN DETENTE -- AND FURTHER SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

31. THE KEY TO INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS MAY BE THE REACTION OF SWAPO, WHOSE EXCLUSION FROM THE TALKS HAS LED MANY COUNTRIES TO DISPUTE THE LEGITIMACY OF THE YEAR-OLD EFFORT. TECHNICALLY, SWAPO HAS BEEN EXCLUDED BECAUSE DELEGATES ARE REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY'S 11 ETHNIC FACTIONS, AND SWAPO IS CONSIDERED A POLITICAL BODY.

32. SWAPO SPOKESMEN HAVE SAID THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT WILL
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NOT JOIN THE TALKS UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAWS ALL ITS POLICE AND ARMY UNITS, RELEASES ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND REORGANIZES THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NAMIBIA.

33. BUT THE WINDHOEK BUREAU OF THE JOHANNESBURG STAR REPORTED TONIGHT THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER MAY BE ASKED TO NEGOTIATE WITH SWAPO AND THE ETHNIC DELEGATES ABOUT SWAPO'S INCLUSION AND ROLE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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